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Applicants have amended claims 2-6 and 8 and have cancelled claims 9-15 and have added claims 16-19 to put the claims in conformity with U.S. practice. Support for claims 16-19 may be found in origianl claim 8. No new matter has been introduced.

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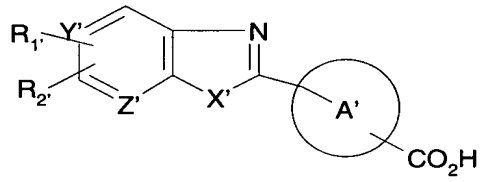
IN THE CLAIMS:

2. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) [as defined in] according to claim 1, or a salt thereof or a solvate thereof, [which] wherein said process comprises the steps of:

(a) [the] amidation of a [suitable] carboxylic acid having the formula:



wherein X', Y', Z', A', R_1' and R_2' each respectively represent X, Y, Z, A, R_1 and R_2 as defined in claim 1 or a protected form thereof,

with [a suitable] an amine having the formula:

$$HNR_{S'}R_{t'}$$

wherein $R_{S'}$ and $R_{t'}$ each respectively represent R_S and R_t as defined in claim 1, or a protected form thereof, and

(b) optionally preparing a salt or a solvate thereof.

3. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) [as defined in claim 1, or a salt thereof or a solvate thereof, which process comprises the amidation of a compound of formula (II)

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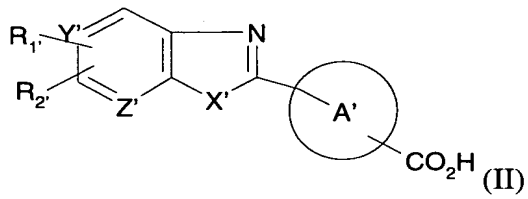


(II)

wherein X′, Y′, Z′, A′, $R_{1'}$ and $R_{2'}$ each respectively represent X, Y, Z, A, R_1 and R_2 respectively as defined in relation to formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or a protected form thereof with a compound of formula (III)

$$HNR_{S'}R_{t'} \qquad (III)$$

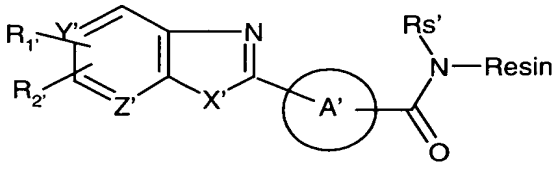
wherein $R_{S'}$ and $R_{t'}$ represent R_S and R_t respectively as defined in relation to formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or a protected form thereof and thereafter, as necessary, carrying out one or more of the following steps;] according to claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

(i) converting [one] the compound of formula (I) formed in step(a) or step (b) into another compound of formula (I);

(ii) removing any protecting group; and

(iii) preparing a salt or a solvate [of the compound so formed] thereof.

4. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) [as defined in] according to claim 1, or a salt thereof or a solvate thereof, [which] wherein said process comprises [the] cleavage of a compound of formula (VIII) at the N-Resin bond[.]



(VIII)

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wherein X', Y', Z', A', R_1', R_2', and [Rs']each respectively represent X, Y, Z, A, R_1, R_2 and R_S [Rs respectively as defined in relation to formula (I)] as defined in claim 1.

5. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof[,] or a pharmaceutically acceptable solvate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

6. (Amended) A method for the treatment [and/or] or prophylaxis of diseases associated with over activity of osteoclasts in mammals [which] wherein said method comprises the administration of an effective non-toxic amount of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable solvate thereof.

8. (Amended) A method for the treatment of tumours, [especially those related to renal cancer, melanoma, colon cancer, lung cancer and leukemia,] viral conditions [(for example those involving Semliki Forest, Vesicular Stomatitis, Newcastle Disease, Influenza A and B, HIV viruses)], ulcers [(for example chronic gastritis and peptic ulcer induced by Helicobacter pylori)], autoimmune diseases and transplantation, for the treatment [and/or] or prevention of hypercholesterolemic and atherosclerotic diseases, AIDS [and],Alzheimer's disease, and angiogenic diseases[, such as rheumatoid arthritis, diabetic retinopathy, psoriasis and solid tumours,] in a human or non-human mammal, which method comprises administering an effective, non-toxic, amount of a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a

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pharmaceutically acceptable solvate thereof, to a human or non-human mammal in need thereof.

Please add new claims 16-19, as follows:

16. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the treatment of tumours comprises treatement of renal cancer, melanoma, colon cancer, lung cancer and leukemia.

17. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the treatment of viral conditions comprises treatment of Semliki Forest virus, Vesicular Stomatitis, Newcastle Disease, Influenza A and B and HIV viruses.

18. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the treatment of ulcers comprises treatment of chronic gastritis and peptic ulcers induced by Helicobacter pylori.

19. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein the treatment of angiogenic diseases comprises treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, diabetic retinopathy, psoriasis and solid tumours.